

Existing law establishes the membership of various boards and commissions based on representation from one or more of the state's congressional districts. Congressional reapportionment pursuant to the 2010 federal decennial census resulted in a reduction of congressional districts in La. (from seven to six).

New law specifies that the current number of members is retained as the number of members on the board or commission and provides for appointment of members from congressional districts and for the remainder to be appointed from the state at large as necessary to maintain the specified number of members for the following boards and commissions:

La. State Racing Commission (R.S. 4:144)

Deep-Water Public Trust (R.S. 9:2341(E))

La. Educational Television Authority (R.S. 17:2503)

Legislative Youth Advisory Council (R.S. 24:973.1)

La. Civil Rights Museum Advisory Board (R.S. 25:845)

La. Economic Development and Gaming Corporation (R.S. 27:211)

Louisiana Environmental Education Commission (R.S. 30:2503)

Board of the Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation (R.S. 39:99.5)

La. Coastal Protection and Restoration Financing Governing Board (R.S. 39:99.29)

Ambulance Service District Commission (R.S. 40:1236.25)

New law makes the following changes to the membership of the following boards and commissions:

Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (R.S. 17:1453 et seq.): Statutorily reduces from 17 to 15 the number of members. (In 1993, when the state went from eight to seven congressional districts, no corresponding change was made to R.S. 17:1453; however, the LSU Board of Supervisors reduced its membership and presently has 15 members appointed pursuant to present constitution.)

Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System (R.S. 17:1831 et seq.): Statutorily reduces from 17 to 15 the number of members. (In 1993, when the state went from eight to seven congressional districts, no corresponding change was made to R.S. 17:1831; however, the UL Board of Supervisors reduced its membership and presently has 15 members appointed pursuant to present constitution.)

Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (R.S. 17:1851 et seq.): Statutorily reduces from 17 to 15 the number of members. (In 1993, when the state went from eight to seven congressional districts, no corresponding change was made to R.S. 17:1851; however, the Southern Board of Supervisors reduced its membership and presently has 15 members appointed pursuant to present constitution.)

Board of Regents (R.S. 17:3121): Existing law provides that the board has 15 members. Prior law required that at least one but no more than two members be residents of each congressional district. New law requires that two members be appointed from each congressional district and the remaining member or members be appointed at large.

La. Real Estate Commission (R.S. 37:1432): New law removes a reference to the seventh congressional district.

Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee (R.S. 37:2165): Existing law provides that the subcommittee has 5 members. Prior law required the appointment of one to represent the first and sixth congressional districts and one to represent the seventh

congressional district. New law requires instead the appointment of one to represent the first congressional district and one to represent the sixth congressional district.

New law provides that the terms of members who are currently serving on specified state boards and commissions are not affected by the changes in the number or district lines of the congressional districts which become effective on Jan. 3, 2013; however, provides that any appointment or reappointment thereafter, including the naming of a successor to serve an unexpired term, must be in accordance with the changed number and boundaries of congressional districts. Provides additionally that as vacancies occur, the appointing authority must first make appointments to comply with the congressional district requirements of the membership of the respective board or commission and only then may make appointments for membership, if any, from the state at large.

New law provides that the action of any board or commission whose membership is affected by the change in congressional districts shall not be found to be unlawful or improper due to the change in congressional districts.

Provisions relative to the Board of Regents and higher education management boards become effective if and when the proposed amendment of the Constitution of La. contained in the Act which originated as House Bill No. 524 of this 2012 R.S. is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

Remainder of the Act becomes effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 4:144(A), R.S. 9:2341(E)(4), R.S. 17:1453(A) and (D), 1831(A) and (B), 1851(B), 2503(C)(1), and 3121(B), R.S. 24:973.1(B)(1)(a)(i), R.S. 25:845(B)(7), R.S. 27:211(A)(1) and (C), R.S. 30:2503(A)(2)(h), R.S. 37:1432(A) and 2165(A), R.S. 39:99.5(A) and 99.29(A), and R.S. 40:1236.25(A))